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OF

PHILADELPHIA

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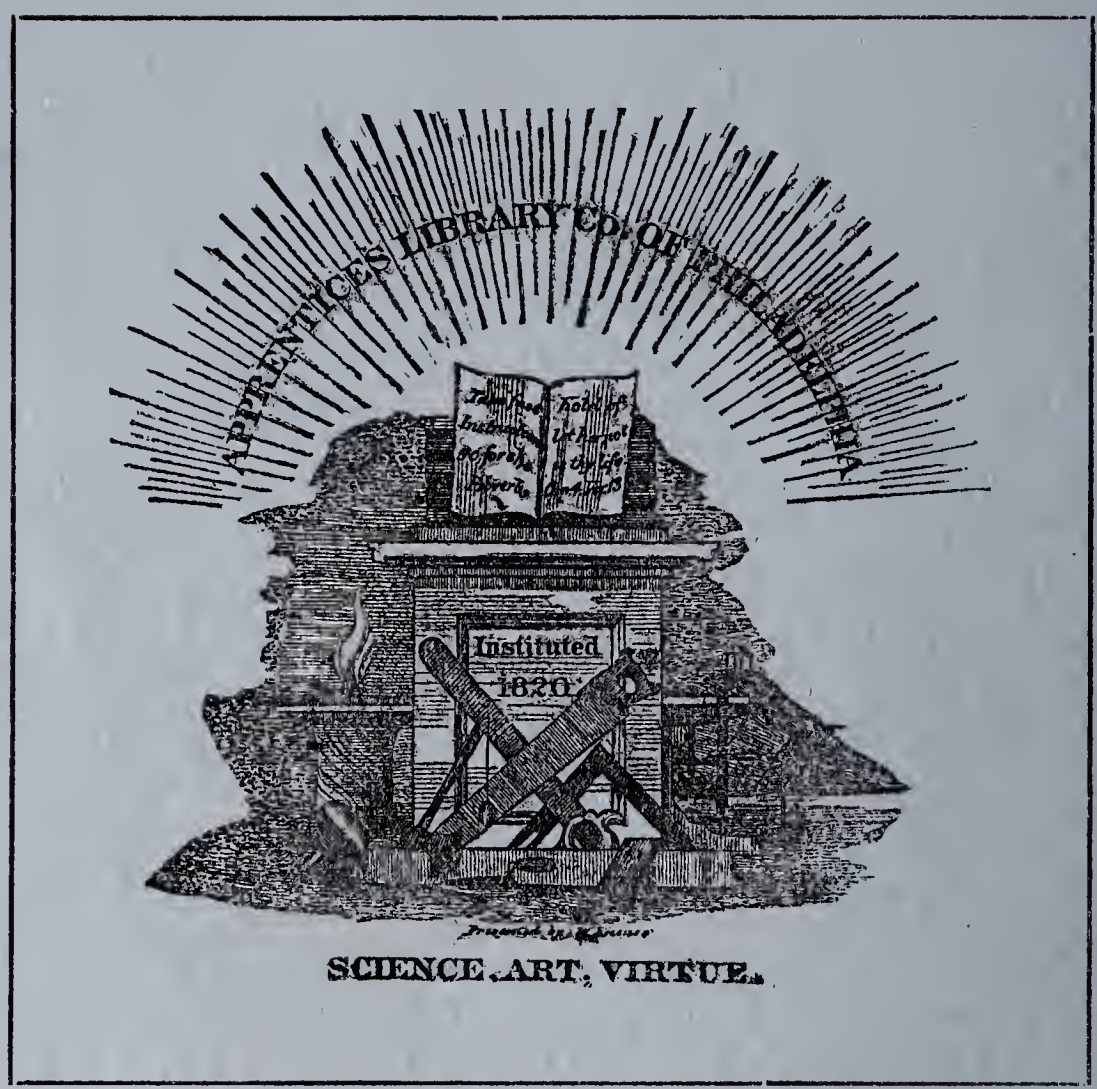

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Ninety-Fourth Annual Report

of the

MANAGERS

of the

Apprentices' Library Company

of

PHILADELPHIA

(BROAD STREET ABOVE SPRING GARDEN)

1914

THE LIBRARY IS ABSOLUTELY FREE TO ALL

Regulations

Any person may become a book borrower by signing an application blank, and having some responsible person sign it as a guarantor.

The reader is given a card, which must be presented at the desk when books are drawn or returned. No book will be issued without this card.

Three books may be taken on each card and kept two weeks. On request, either by postal or in person, these books will be renewed for two weeks.

The Reference Department, containing dictionaries, encyclopedias and general works of reference, may be used by any person for study, even if not a book borrower.

The Library is open every week day, legal holidays excepted, from 11 A. M. to 9 P. M. From June 1st to September 21st from 11 A. M. to 7 P. M.

Junior Department is open on week days, legal holidays excepted, from 2 to 8 P. M. and on Saturdays from 11 A. M. to 8 P. M. From June 1st to September 21st from 1 to 6 P. M. and on Saturdays from 11 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Historical Sketch
of the
Apprentices' Library Company

THE APPRENTICES' LIBRARY was founded February 24th, 1820. when a public meeting was held in Carpenter's Hall for that purpose, The Library of 1500 books found its first home in an upper room on the south side of Chestnut street above Third, from which it was removed to Carpenter's Hall, thence to Carpenter (now Ranstead) street below Seventh, afterwards to the old Mint building, on Seventh above Market, and in 1841, to the Free Quakers' Meeting House, at Fifth and Arch streets. After remaining fifty-six years in that location, the westward growth of the city rendered another change necessary, and the present convenient and commodious building, on Broad above Spring Garden street, was secured in 1897.

The year 1842 also marked the opening of a separate department for girls, who had previously not been admitted to the advantages of the Library. Thirty years later the Library was opened to all who would comply with its regulations, and in 1882 the separate departments for boys and girls were combined. Nine years later, in 1891, the Library was thoroughly reorganized on a modern basis, and since that date has kept abreast of the latest improvements in library work.

PRESIDENTS OF THE COMPANY

Horace Binney - - -	from 1820 to 1823
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Henry Troth - - -	" 1837 " 1842
Townsend Sharpless - -	" 1842 " 1858
James J. Barclay - - -	" 1858 " 1885
Joseph H. Collins - - -	" 1886 " 1888
Charles Roberts - - -	" 1888 " 1902
Joseph R. Rhoads - - -	" 1902 "

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Secretary
Benjamin Cadbury

Treasurer
Edward Osborne Troth

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Warner Walter, *Vice-Chairman*
Harry C. Potter, *Secretary*

1912-1915

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D. Allen Knight
William C. Longstreth
Howard Longstreth
Webster King Wetherill
David Townsend
Alfred M. Collins

1913-1916

William S. Ashbrook
Michael J. Brown
Coleman Sellers, Jr.
Levi Teal
Thomas R. Hill
Warner Walter
Rupert Sargent Holland

1914-1917

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Stanley G. Flagg, Sr.
Francis B. Brandt
Chas. J. Shoemaker
James M. Hibbs
Harry C. Potter
John L. Smith
John M. Scott

Librarian
E. M. Bache

Assistants
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E. M. Hoffman
Emma Matlack

Librarian of Children's Room

Assistants in Children's Library
Ruth Cashel
May Lillie

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Harry C. Potter
John L. Smith

TO THE

APPRENTICES' LIBRARY COMPANY

OF

PHILADELPHIA

The Managers of the Apprentices' Library Company submit the following Report of the operations of the Library during the year ending the 31st of March, 1914.

The circulation for the past year has been 70,984 with a fiction average of 50 per cent. This includes the Children's Room where the circulation was 30,045 with a fiction percentage of 35 per cent. The decrease in the circulation is due, as was explained last year, to the decrease in the income available for the purchase of books, owing to the necessity for the re-investment of funds at a lower rate of interest. The Reference Library, however, shows an increase of over 35 per cent. in its use, owing largely to the fact that the assistant Librarians are trained in this work, and are able to afford assistance to readers which the statistics show is much appreciated. There has also been a marked increase in the use of the Reading Room resulting from the better placing of the periodicals, and also from the care which has been taken to eliminate as far as

possible those who sought to use the room as a lounging place rather than for reading.

A series of Travel stories given once a week in the Children's Room, and illustrated by stereopticon slides loaned by the Bureau of Education, has proved exceedingly popular as well as instructive. The teachers in the Harrison School have been much interested in this work, the principal Miss Allen, and others, making valuable suggestions as to topics, obtaining the appropriate slides, and bringing the children from school to the Library for the Story Hour. During Clean Up Week, Mrs. Pierce, from the Street Cleaning and Highway Improvement Bureau, gave a talk illustrated with lantern slides to 178 children.

There has been, as usual, a large attendance of boys from the Central High School, the increase in the Reference Library already referred to arising from a large use of the Reference Library by the pupils of that school as well as of the William Penn High School, the Girls' Normal School and the Girls' High School.

Miss Mildred Subers has resigned as Children's Librarian, and Miss Laura E. Hanson as First Assistant and Cataloger. Both of these resignations, which will take effect May first, have been of too recent date to permit of the selection of successors at the time of making this report.

Acknowledgment is made of a gift of books by Mr. John L. Smith, a member of the Board of Managers.

We again wish to thank the Librarian, Miss Bache, for the very efficient manner in which she has conducted the Library, and for the success which has attended her efforts to maintain the Library's very high standard of usefulness.

On behalf of the Board.

WM. M. COATES, *Chairman.*

Attest:

BENJAMIN CADBURY, *Secretary.*

EDWARD O. TROTH, Treasurer

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE APPRENTICES' LIBRARY COMPANY

From April 1st, 1913, to March 31st, 1914

Dr.

Income General Account	$1,678 04	
Income Caroline M. Jeanes Trust	225 00	
Income William C. Jeanes Trust	1,393 38	
Income George S. Pepper Trust	707 95	
Income Estate Robert Wright Trust	1,615 56	
Income John Livezey Trust	250 00	
Income I. V. Williamson Fund	749 50	
Interest on Deposits	33 89	
Contributions	410 00	
Fines	343 65	
		$7,406 97
Investment paid off General Account	$4,004 71	
" " Caroline M. Jeanes Trust	700 00	
" " George S. Pepper Trust	250 00	
" " I. V. Williamson Fund	3,000 00	
Cash March 31st, 1913	494 59	
		8,449 30
		$15,856 27

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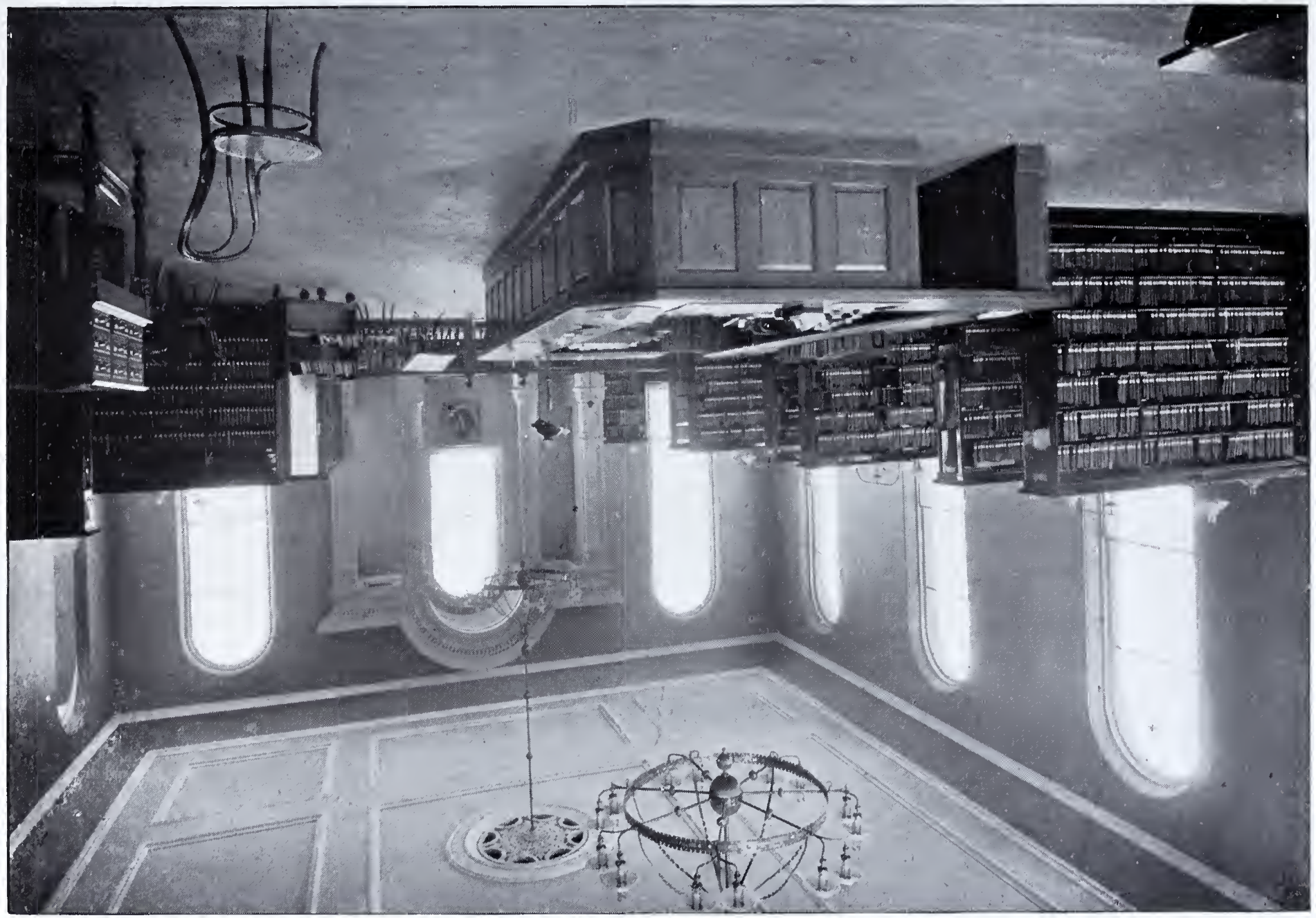
Books	$714 57		
Binding	568 95		
Periodicals	190 45		
			$1,473 97
Expense—Salaries		$3,797 25	
" Commissions		50 04	
" Light and Heat		512 60	
" Repairs		100 84	
" Printing		166 00	
" Papers for Reading Room		42 10	
" Stationery		45 66	
" Sundries		620 40	
			5,334 89
Investments			8,210 73
Cash on hand March 31st, 1914			836 68
			$15,856 27

Examined and found correct,
April 22d, 1914.

HARRY C. POTTER, JR.
J. L. SMITH.



Statistics, 1913-1914

	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total
Number of days Library was open	26	26	25	26	26	25	27	24	26	26	23	26	306
Number of volumes circulated													
General works	63	56	29	37	25	41	44	48	56	39	28	51	517
Philosophy	78	58	53	40	50	35	47	66	78	112	72	95	784
Religion	169	154	126	110	98	96	142	166	153	153	164	174	1705
Sociology	193	164	139	95	81	115	159	156	201	174	162	199	1838
Folk-lore	572	579	431	436	498	415	509	537	652	662	562	744	6597
Philology	157	175	129	102	90	79	131	96	120	207	246	362	1894
Natural Science	228	230	169	120	124	124	161	221	256	300	226	269	2428
Useful Arts	163	190	142	121	135	141	149	129	125	145	147	205	1792
Fine Arts	112	129	125	104	110	105	108	136	134	129	114	141	1447
Literature	817	754	450	387	361	432	649	706	665	651	621	731	7224
History	348	264	179	144	116	171	295	316	281	317	301	391	3123
Travel	265	196	183	127	113	114	168	282	261	298	282	383	2672
Biography	275	213	167	146	169	175	199	245	259	267	356	383	2854
Fiction	3457	2997	2717	2562	2612	2501	2780	3036	3277	3425	3194	3641	36109
Total	6897	6159	5039	4531	4582	4544	5541	6140	6518	6879	6385	7769	70984
Fiction percentage	50	48	53	56	57	55	50	49	50	49	48	46	50
Average daily circulation	266	237	202	175	177	182	206	256	251	265	278	299	232
Reference Department	630	562	357	158	253	483	866	916	870	917	927	972	7911
Periodicals and Newspapers	2359	2111	1400	873	1473	2067	3180	3224	3902	4212	3451	3713	31965
Volumes added	41	61	69	1	96	36	38	142	205	287	315		1291
Volumes withdrawn	236		114	367	43	1	195		151	160	72	280	1619
Volumes rebound	171		267		219	1		136	98		140	208	1240

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Number of volumes circulated	2947	2650	2163	1745	1681	1465	2039	2650	3051	3325	2785	3544	30045
Number of readers	3008	3173	2502	2144	2036	2224	3305	3867	4128	4516	3597	4125	38625

Reading Room

ATTENDANCE

1913-1914

April	2,359
May	2,111
June	1,400
July	873
August	1,473
September	2,067
October	3,180
November	3,224
December	3,902
January	4,212
February	3,451
March	3,713
Total	31,965
Number of days open	306
Average number of readers	105

Gifts to the Library

1913-1914

Allegheny, Pa., Carnegie Library
American Association for International Conciliation
American Association for Labor Legislation
American Iron & Steel Institute
American Library Association
Andover Theological Seminary
Beverly, Mass., Industrial School
Birmingham, Eng., Free Libraries Committee
Blankenburg, Rudolph
Bowdoin College
Brooklyn, N. Y., Public Library
Browne University, Providence, R. I.
Brown, James V., Public Library
Brown, Michael J.
Buffalo, N. Y., Public Library
Bureau of Railway Economics
Cambridge, Mass., Public Library
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
City Club
Cleveland, Ohio, Public Library
Coates, William M.
Congregation Rodeph Shalom
Constant Baron d'Estournelles de Cornelison, I. A.
Detroit, Mich., Public Library
Drexel Institute, Library School
East Orange, N. J., Public Library
Easton Public Library
Elkins, Heiman J.
Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore
Erie, Pa., Public Library
Fairmount Park Art Association
Fairmount Park Guard Pension Fund Association
Friends' Free Library, Germantown
Forbes' Library, Northampton, Mass.
Friends of Philadelphia Peace Association

Goucher College
Grand Rapids, Mich., Public Library
Hamilton, Canada
Hartford, Conn., Public Library
Harvard University
Harvard University Library
Haverhill, Mass., Public Library
Hay, John, Library
Herald of the Cross
Hinds, Noble & Eldredge
Indian Rights' Association
Jersey City, N. J., Public Library
Johnson Memorial Commission
Kansas City Humane Society
Koch, Louis N.
Lake Mohonk Conference
Lanard, T. S.
Lawrence, Mass., Free Public Library
Los Angeles, Cal., Public Library
Los Angeles, Cal., Celebration Commission
Madison, Wis., Free Library
Mercantile Library, New York
Meyer, George
Milwaukee, Wis., Public Library
National Child Labor Commission
Needlework Guild of America
New Britain, Conn., Institute
New Haven, Conn., Public Library
New Jersey State Library
New York (State) Department of Education
New York Peace Association
New York School of Philanthropy
New York State Library
New York State University
Newark, N. J., Free Public Library
Newton, Mass., Free Library
North Adams Public Library
Oberlin College Library
Oklahoma State Bar Association
Osaka, Japan, Public Library
Osterhout Free Library, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Otis Library, Norwich, Conn.

Our Pulpit
Partz, J. L.
Paterson, N. J., Public Library
Peabody Institute, Baltimore
Pennsylvania—Bureau of Mines
" Children's Aid Society
" Colonial Society
" Free Library Commission
" Historical Society
" Prison Society
" Public Charities
" Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Philadelphia—Baby Saving Show
" City Institute
" Civil Service Commission
" Education, Board of
" Free Library
" Mayor
" Municipal Charities
" Public Health & Charities
" Society for Organizing Charity
" Zoological Society
Phipps, Lawrence C.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Carnegie Library
Plainfield Public Library
Portland, Ore., Library Association
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Princeton University
Providence, R. I., Public Library
Public Ledger
Quezon, M. L.
Ripon College
Rosenberg Library (Galveston)
Russell-Sage Foundation Library
St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia
St. Louis Mercantile Library
St. Louis Public Library
St. Paul, Minn., Public Library
Salem, Mass., Public Library
Savage, W. E.
Scranton, Pa., Public Library
Smith, John L

Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen (N. Y. City)
Springfield, Mass., City Library
Stackhouse, Powell
Students' Journal
Tacoma, Mass., Public Library
Taunton, Mass., Public Library
Temple Review
Tennessee State Board of Entomology
Testimony Publishing Co.
Thompson, Slason
Thorne, Mrs. M.
Trenton, N. J., Free Public Library
United States--Agriculture, Department of
" Civil Service Commission
" Census
" Congress
" Education, Bureau of
" Ethnology, Bureau of
" Geological Survey
" Interior, Department of
" Interstate Commerce Commission
" Library of Congress
" Patent Office
" Post Office
" Smithsonian Institution
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